JANE L. CLINE Insurance Commissioner

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## **NOTICE**

Pursuant to West Virginia Code § 23-4-8(d) and (e), workers' compensation claimants are entitled to reimbursement for among other things, mileage driven "in connection with medical examinations, appointments and treatments, including appointments with the claimant's authorized treating physician." Under § 23-4-8(e), the reimbursement rate for mileage payable to a workers' compensation claimant is equal to the rate determined by the West Virginia Department of Administration's Purchasing Division Travel Rules for State employees.

The West Virginia Department of Administration recently completed its bi-annual review of the State's reimbursement rate for mileage driven. As a result of that review, the State reimbursement rate was increased to 42.5 cents per mile, effective January 15, 2011. Accordingly, The Offices of the Insurance Commissioner is issuing this Notice to advise all private carriers, self-insured employers, and third party administrators responsible for the administration of workers' compensation claims in West Virginia that the rate of reimbursement to claimants for mileage driven under the provisions of West Virginia Code § 23-4-8(d) and (e) is also adjusted to 42.5 cents per mile, effective January 15, 2011.

Any questions regarding this Notice should be directed to the OIC's Legal Division at (304) 558-0401 or <a href="mailto:legal@wvinsurance.gov">legal@wvinsurance.gov</a>.

